



Hundreds of Kings Mountain students and parents attended the students' art show Thursday at the Harris Children's Wing of Mauney Memorial Library. Part of the proceeds from the sale went to the library for children's educational programs.

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LETTERS

Reader disagrees with column on homosexuality

Andie Brymer had one thing correct in her Herald article regarding our opposition to homosexuality - she "does not understand it."

Her personal interpretation of the Bible was amusing, since it is in direct opposition to the interpretation of biblical scholars and theologians and most people who can read.

Among other things, Andie doesn't understand that homosexuality in itself is a pagan ritual. She states that her siblings are gay and lesbian, which may explain her viewpoint. However, her lack of understanding of, and respect for the mores and morality of the community in which she lives reveals a shallowness which is exposed in her drivel.

Left wing liberals who wish to undermine biblical teachings must still consider the effect of homosexual behavior. Kings Mountain has its own tragic examples of homosexual deviants preying on children; the recent national court cases against homosexual priests and of course AIDS - just a few of the results which mandate that our society must not condone this deviant, repugnant behavior.

Ann Kirby
Kings Mountain

(Note - Andie Brymer's column did not state that her "siblings" are gay and lesbian. It used the term "brothers and sisters," in a universal context that regards all human beings as brothers and sisters).

Letters to the Publisher

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ANDIE

From 4A

their lives to come to America. Their accidents of birth weren't as kind as mine.

While it is easy to blame immigrants for all kinds of economic woes, they are merely doing what the ancestors of many of us did over 200 years ago.

The new immigrants are searching for the good life, something many of us were born with. When I see folks who are new to our country, I think about that first Thanksgiving.

If my history teachers were correct, it was a celebration between the Native Americans and Pilgrims. The new folks showed their appreciation to the locals for helping them survive in an unfamiliar climate.

While today's immigrants are not struggling with grow-

ing and gathering food in a strange land, they are facing other obstacles. Learning a new language and culture is obviously hard but so is thriving in a land where you are not so sure of your welcome.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and move into the Christmas season, let's remember to open our hearts to the new pilgrims on the block.

COOPER

From 4A

iff or fire fighters, the best way to do so is to call the local department and ask how you can donate directly to them.

■ Ask for something in return. If you are interested in donating to a charity that contacts you, ask to receive written information about the percentage of your donation that benefits the charity and how the charity plans to spend your money. You can verify what they tell you by contacting the Secretary of State's office. If the charity isn't willing to send you the detailed information you seek, think twice about sending them a contribution.

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(Roy Cooper is Attorney General for the State of North Carolina).

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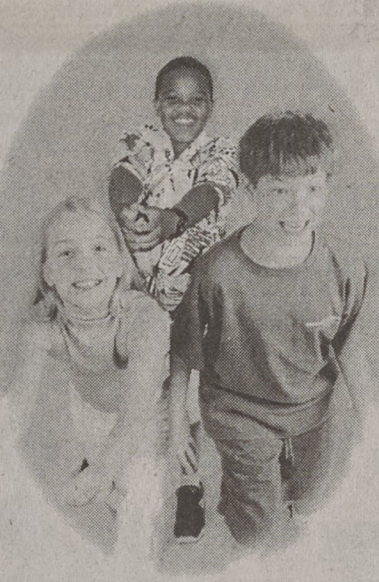
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GARY

From 4A

day.
I'm thankful for family good friends, church family and neighbors who are caring and compassionate and are always there when you need them.

Even though it's not a mansion - and it's not a shack either - I'm thankful for a home. And, yes, I'm thankful for the TV remote too. And a high school football game to go to every Friday night. I don't know of anywhere I'd rather spend a fall Friday night than on the sidelines of John Gamble Stadium.

I'm thankful for my immediate family, and I give thanks every day for the two most precious grandchildren on earth and one that has gone on to Heaven. I wish I had a dozen more but my children keep telling me I'll have to have them myself. I don't think that's going to happen, but if it does I'll be famous and after all the book and movie royalties come in I'll share it with my readers (both of you!).

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